



SLOW . . . that we are guilty of - but we must plead innocent to laying down on the job.

During the first six months of 1955, we were busier and did more business than during any corresponding period in the past twenty years.

Also during this period we catalogued and conducted the Central States Auction Sale, attended three other regional conventions, and traveled extensively to procure material in order to meet the ever increasing demand.

We are not complaining, but apologizing for the numerous times we have been slow in answering correspondence and filling orders.

COINS & CHATTER has also been neglected. The issues you have just received - numbers 3 and 4 of Volume 8 - are the March and April issues. However, all material advertised is in stock as these go in the mail approximately Aug. 10th.

The May and June issues are now at the printer and will be mailed about Aug. 20th.

We appreciate the business which has kept us so swamped during this first half of the year, and believe we now have things organized to the point of giving prompt and efficient service. Thanks for your patience.

RARE GOLD COINS

U. S. DOUBLE EAGLES

1850 First year of issue.	
Very Fine.....	60.00
1851 Very Fine.....	50.00
1852 Very Fine.....	50.00
1852 0 Mint, Ext. Fine to	
About Uncirculated.....	90.00
1867 Abt. Unc., mint	
lustre.....	77.50
1868 Extremely Fine.....	75.00
1871 Very Fine.....	67.50
1875 CC Mint, V. Fine	
plus.....	82.50
1876 CC Mint, Very Fine	
plus.....	82.50
1890 CC Mint, Ext. Fine..	90.00
1890 CC Mint, V. Fine...	75.00
1902 Unc, rare.....	90.00
1902 Abt. Unc.....	75.00

ST. GAUDENS TYPE DOUBLE EAGLES

1908 S Mint, Very Fine,	
rare.....	75.00
1913 S Mint, very low	
mintage. Rare, Unc.....	165.00
1913 S Mint, Abt. Unc,	
mint lustre.....	125.00
1920 Uncirculated.....	100.00
1920 Abt. Unc.....	75.00
1922 Uncirculated.....	92.50
1922 Abt. Unc.....	75.00
1922 S Mint, Unc.....	195.00
1922 S Mint, Abt. Unc,	
mint lustre.....	150.00
1923 Uncirculated.....	115.00
1923 Abt. Unc.....	85.00
1924 S Mint, one of the	
rarest mint marks with	
auction and private sale	
records over \$3,000.00.	
Choice Unc.....	600.00
1924 D Mint, Unc.....	135.00
1924 D Mint, Abt. Unc,	
mint lustre.....	90.00
1925 Uncirculated.....	90.00
1925 S Mint, Unc, rare.	195.00
1926 Uncirculated.....	100.00

U. S. DOUBLE EAGLES

1926 S MINT

The rarest mint mark in the Double Eagle series. Approximately eight specimens known. We have one in choice Uncirculated condition and will quote reasonable price to interested parties.

1927 Uncirculated.....	75.00
1928 Probably the commonest	
date. Gem Unc.....	45.00
1929 Very rare, more so	
than catalogue indicates.	
Uncirculated.....	450.00
Many others in stock includ-	
ing CC and 0 Mints.	

COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS

DOLLARS

1903 Jefferson, Unc....	\$22.50
1903 McKinley, Unc.....	22.50
1903 McKinley, Ex. Fine..	15.00
1904 Lewis & Clark, Unc	120.00
1905 Lewis & Clark, Unc.	100.00
1915 Pan-Pacific, Unc...	16.00
1916 McKinley, Unc.....	20.00
1917 McKinley, Unc.....	22.50

QUARTER EAGLES

1915 Pan-Pacific, Unc...	75.00
1926 Sesqui Cent. Unc...	15.00

RARE HALF EAGLE

1909 0 Mint. Practically Uncirculated. Feathers sharp on eagle and other high points show only very slight rubbing. Sharp mint mark.

A choice coin...\$125.00

A DUPONDIIUS OF AUGUSTUS

Feminine beauty has played an important role in history, and perhaps there is no more remarkable example than that of Livia Drusilla, who lived 56 B.C.-29 A.D.

Because of her exceptional beauty Tiberius Claudius Nero --not a royal personage--a man more conspicuous for his blind zeal for some certain favorites in high office, especially Antony, than for his wisdom, married her when she was but fourteen years of age.

You will remember that Rome's Second Triumvirate consisted of Caesar Octavius--great nephew of Julius Caesar, Antony, and Lepidus.

Octavius met Livia and became so fascinated by her beauty, that he divorced his wife, and did not find it too difficult to compel the complacent Tiberius Claudius Nero to surrender Livia to him. That was in 38 B.C. Livia was only eighteen when she became the wife of Octavius.

In 27 B. C. Caesar Octavius was made Caesar Augustus, first emperor of Rome.

Augustus never had a son, but through a daughter he had three grandsons. He also had some nephews. There was no lack of brilliant, young though somewhat remote, natural heirs to aspire to the throne of Augustus.

Livia had two sons, Tiberius and Drusus, by her first husband. They were brought up, educated, given all the advantages and honorable places, in the same way as the relatives of Augustus received.

One by one, a grandson or a nephew of Augustus died or was killed in war, perhaps somewhere on the outskirts of the empire--something removed one after another.

At length Augustus had not a single capable natural heir; of those responsible younger men related to him by blood ties not one remained to succeed him; he was alone in the royal palace with only the devoted Livia and her son Tiberius whom Augustus, although he seemed always amiable enough, had always found unlikeable.

Livia constantly advised that Augustus adopt Tiberius. She urged, for some day

DUPONDIIUS OF AUGUSTUS (Continued)

Tiberius would be greatly needed as heir to the throne. To Augustus it appeared the only reasonable way left to him. Accordingly, Tiberius was adopted and trained by assisting in royal affairs.

It is claimed that whatever may have been the trials and difficulties of empire for Augustus, his home life was always happy with Livia until near the close of his life; he then awakened to an awful suspicion: Why were all of his natural heirs gone? Why were some strangely removed? Could it be that Livia, despite her apparent loyalty and wifely devotion, was the only one who knew the answers to these queries that so troubled him?

Augustus died. Tiberius inherited the throne. Livia became all-powerful. Then the public was seized with that same tormenting suspicion that had beset Augustus in his last days; and, with the public it was even to the extent of wondering what hastened the death of Augustus.

And today some historians dwell heavily on the possible villainy of Livia, while others write of her as a loyal companion and helpmate all those fifty-two years that she was wife of Augustus.

But she lost all prestige with the public. The people abhorred her. Even Tiberius, when she was in advanced years and dying, refused to go to her bedside. If she was innocent, she has been pathetically misjudged. If she was guilty, we can easily see where the cruel Tiberius attained all the evil ways that he revealed in later life. He realized his natural unworthiness of office and was prompt in removing anyone toward whom he felt the slightest jealousy--removing by taking life! How well the Pharisees knew if they could get Jesus to criticize the paying of tribute to Caesar, there would be no Jesus to disturb them!

Livia, wife of Caesar Augustus whose decree that "all the world should be taxed" sent Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem! (Luke 2: 1) Livia, mother of Tiberius, who was the second emperor

WASHINGTON QUARTERS Brilliant Uncirculated

Date	Br.Unc.
1932.....	\$ 1.50
1932 D, (Wanted at \$30) ..	--
1932 S Mint.....	15.00
1934.....	3.00
1934 D Mint.....	4.00
1935.....	2.00
1935 S Mint.....	5.00
1935 D Mint.....	4.00
1936.....	1.50
1936 S Mint.....	4.00
1936 D Mint.....	25.00
1937.....	2.00
1937 S Mint.....	4.00
1937 D Mint.....	1.50
1938.....	3.00
1938 S Mint.....	2.50
1939.....	2.00
1939 S Mint (Wanted)...	--
1939 D Mint.....	1.50
1940.....	2.50
1940 S Mint.....	1.25
1940 D Mint.....	3.00
1941 P or D Mints.....	1.00
1941 S Mint.....	1.25
1942 P or D Mints.....	.75
1942 S Mint.....	1.25
1943 P or D Mints.....	.75
1943 S Mint.....	1.00
1944 P D or S Mints....	.60
1945 P D or S Mints....	.60
1946 P D or S Mints....	.60
1947 P D or S Mints....	.60
1948 P D or S Mints....	.60
1949 P D or S Mints....	.60
1950.....	.60
1950 S or D Mints.....	.50
1951 P or D Mints.....	.50
1951 S Mint.....	.60
1952 P or D S Mints....	.50
1953 P D or S Mints....	.50
1954 P D or S Mints....	.50

DUPONDIIUS OF AUGUSTUS (Continued)

of Rome, and held dominion over Judaea when Jesus was crucified! She died in Rome in 29 A.D. having survived Augustus by fifteen years.

Augustus had honored his wife, Livia, by placing her portrait on a second bronze, called a dupondius. Numismatists tell us no first bronze (sestertius) was ever made with a portrait of Livia.

When you handle this coin remember that in Christ's day on earth it was one of the low-value coins common to the money bags of the people of Rome. As common as are the nickels and pennies to our purses in America today. Its value in copper content was all of the equal of two of our pennies.

-Florence Aiken Banks

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U. S. Pattern Coins

ABBREVIATIONS - RARITY SCALE

AW - Adams & Woodin numbers.
R - Rarity and number.

RARITY SCALE

Unique.....	R15
2 to 3 pieces struck.....	R14
4 to 5 " ".....	R13
6 to 8 " ".....	R12
9 to 12 " ".....	R11
13 to 15 " ".....	R10
16 to 20 " ".....	R9
21 to 25 " ".....	R8
26 to 35 " ".....	R7
36 to 50 " ".....	R6
51 to 75 " ".....	R5
76 to 100 " ".....	R4
101 to 300 " ".....	R3
301 to 500 " ".....	R2
501 upward " ".....	R1

CENTS

1850 AW 118, Ring Cent, perforated. R6. Proof.....	30.00
1850 AW 120, perforated Ring Cent, R6. Proof.....	35.00
1853 AW 176, pure nickel. R6, Uncirculated.....	25.00
1853 AW 178, R6. Fine... 7.50	
1854 AW 186, Liberty Head. R2, Proof.....	22.50
1855 AW 197, Flying Eagle. R2, Proof.....	22.50
1855 AW 200, Flying Eagle. R2, Proof.....	15.00
1855 AW 201, Flying Eagle. R6, Proof.....	17.50
1858 AW 244, Flying Eagle. R5, Uncirculated.....	35.00
1858 AW 263, Indian Head. R5, Proof.....	37.50
1858 AW 264, Indian Head. R5, Proof.....	27.50
1858 AW 268, Indian Head. R5, Proof.....	35.00
1858 AW 270, Indian Head. R5, Proof.....	30.00
1859 AW 312, Indian Head. R4, Uncirculated.....	15.00
1863 AW 423, copper, thin planchet. R8, Proof.....	25.00
1863 AW 424, copper. R8, Ext. Fine.....	15.00
1864 AW 461, R10. Very rare, Uncirculated.....	75.00
1869 AW 820, nickel. R8, Proof.....	17.50
1881 AW 1655, copper. R8, Proof.....	25.00
1884 AW 1704, nickel, perforated. R8, Proof.....	35.00

TWO CENT PIECES

1836 AW 56, nickel, plain edge. R9, Proof.....	40.00
1863 AW 404, Washington bust "God and our Country." Copper. R4, Proof.....	25.00
1864 AW 453, regular dies. Copper nickel. R10, Proof.....	27.50

UNITED STATES PATTERN COINS

THREE CENT NICKEL

1868 AW 689, copper. R12, Proof.....	25.00
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FIVE CENT NICKELS

1866 AW 541, Washington head, nickel. R8, Proof.....	37.50
1866 AW 542, Washington head, copper. R8, Proof.....	35.00
1866 AW 567, nickel. R10. Proof.....	45.00
1866 AW 569, copper. R10. Proof.....	40.00
1866 AW 571, bronze. R10. Proof.....	27.50
1866 AW 572, copper. R10. Proof.....	27.50
1866 AW 579, bronze. R10. Proof.....	35.00
1867 AW 623, copper. R10. Uncirculated.....	15.00
1867 AW 626, nickel. R10. Proof.....	20.00
1867 AW 630, aluminum. R6. Proof.....	22.50
1867 AW 644, R6. Proof.....	25.00
1868 AW 675, nickel. R4. Proof.....	20.00
1868 AW 680, nickel. R4. Proof.....	20.00
1868 AW 684, R10. Proof.....	25.00
1869 AW 803, R4. Proof.....	20.00
1871 AW 1193, nickel. R8. Proof.....	22.50
1871 AW 1198, copper. R6. Proof.....	20.00
1881 AW 1648, Liberty Head. R8. Proof.....	35.00
1881 AW 1649, copper. R8. Proof.....	30.00
1882 AW 1669, Liberty Head. R8. Proof.....	25.00
1882 AW 1670, copper. R8. Proof.....	45.00
1882 AW 1672, Liberty Head. R8. Proof.....	32.50
1882 AW 1676, copper. R8. Proof.....	30.00
1882 AW 1678. R8. Proof.....	27.50
1882 AW 1679, copper. R8. Proof.....	27.50
1883 AW 1683, aluminum. R10. Proof.....	32.50
1883 AW 1686, pure nickel. R8. Proof.....	27.50
1883 AW 1689, nickel. R8. Proof.....	30.00
1883 AW 1693, aluminum. R10. Proof.....	30.00
1883 AW 1694, R8. Proof.....	30.00
1883 AW 1696, nickel. R8. Proof.....	35.00
1896 AW 1735, R4. Proof.....	37.50
1896 AW 1736, aluminum. R4. Proof.....	25.00

TEN CENT PIECE

1868 AW 669, obv. and size of Large Cent. R6. Dull Proof.....	40.00
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UNITED STATES PATTERN COINS

TWENTY CENT PIECES

1875 AW 1435, silver, R10. Proof.....	50.00
1875 AW 1442, silver, R10. Proof.....	50.00

QUARTERS

1870 AW 983, copper. R10. Proof.....	15.00
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HALF DOLLARS

1859 AW 295, silver. R4. Proof.....	25.00
1859 AW 297, silver. R4. Proof.....	22.50
1861 AW 348, copper. R6. Proof.....	25.00
1875 AW 1430, regular dies, aluminum. R13, Ext. Fine.....	35.00

DOLLARS

1836 AW 47, copper. Gobrecht below base. R13. Brill. Proof.....	350.00
1871 AW 1124, copper. Longacre design. R12. Proof.....	45.00
1878 AW 1560, copper. Morgan design. R10. Proof.....	45.00
1878 AW 1562, silver. Barber design. R6. Proof.....	45.00
1878 AW 1563, copper. Barber design. R8. Proof.....	35.00
1879 AW 1589, copper. Morgan obverse, Barber reverse. R10. Proof.....	50.00
1879 AW 1598, silver. Barber's Metric design. R6. Proof.....	50.00
1879 AW 1606, silver. Barber's Goloid Metric. R6. Proof.....	37.50
1879 AW 1610, silver. The Morgan Goloid Metric design. R11. Proof.....	125.00
1885 AW 1714, silver. The Snowden design with "E Pluribus Unum" on edge. R6. Proof.....	50.00

TRADE DOLLARS

1873 AW 1298, silver. Reeded edge. R6. Proof.....	50.00
1873 AW 1303, silver. The Baily design. R6. Proof.....	45.00
1873 AW 1308, silver. R6. Proof.....	45.00
1873 AW 1313, silver. Baily design. R6. Proof.....	40.00
1873 AW 1324, silver, reeded edge R6. Proof.....	40.00

\$5.00 GOLD

1860 AW 323, copper. R13. Proof.....	50.00
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\$20.00 GOLD

1873 AW 1282, copper. R13. Proof.....	50.00
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Gold Coins of Europe

DANISH WEST INDIES

1904 4 Daler, head of
Christian IX. Unc.....17.50
1905 4 Daler, similar.
Unc.....17.50

ROMANIA

1906 50 Lei, bust of Carol
in military uniform/King
on horseback. V. Fine,
(Cat.\$50.00)SPECIAL....27.50
1906 12½ Lei, similar.
Very Fine..... 9.00
1922 50 Lei, crowned bust
of Ferdinand/Bust of Marie.
CW 23. Very broad 40 MM.
Unc, rare.....85.00

NETHERLANDS

1875 10 Guilders, head of
William. Abt. Unc.....15.00
1897 10 Guilders, child's
head of Queen Wilhelmina
with long hair. Rare,
only year of issue. Unc,
SPECIAL.....18.75
1898 10 Guilders, young
head of Queen with coronet.
Unc, rare.....18.50

RUSSIA

1886 5 Roubles, head of
Alex.III. V. Fine.....10.00
1887 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1888 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1889 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1890 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1893 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1894 5 Roubles, similar.
Very Fine.....10.00
1894 10 Roubles (size of
15 Roubles), head of
Alex. III. Ext. Fine and
rare.....35.00
1897 7½ Roubles, head of
Nicholas II. Ext. Fine,
rare.....18.50
1923 10 Roubles(Chervonetz)
Peasant sowing grain/Soviet
emblems. The only official
gold coin struck by the
U.S.S.R. Ext. Fine but
loop skillfully removed.
Rare.....50.00

RUSSIA PLATINUM

1828 3 Roubles, crowned double
eagle/Denomination, date in
circle. Brill. Proof....90.00
1842 3 Roubles, similar
Rare date, Abt.Unc.....80.00

FINLAND

1878 20 Markkaa, crowned
double eagle. Unc.....25.00
1878 10 Markkaa, similar.
Unc.....12.50
Same, About Unc.....10.00
1879 20 Markkaa, similar.
About Unc.....20.00
1881, 1882 10 Markkaa,
similar. Unc, each.....12.50
1891 20 Markkaa, similar.
Unc.....25.00
1903, 1904 20 Markkaa,
similar. Unc, each.....25.00
1910, 1911 20 Markkaa,
similar. Unc, each.....25.00
1913 20 Markkaa, similar.
Unc.....25.00
1913 10 Markkaa, similar.
Unc.....12.50

SPAIN

FERDINAND AND ISABELLE

1474-1504 Gold Double
Excellente, crowned bust of
Ferdinand and Isabelle
facing/Arms. This is of
particular interest to col-
lectors of Americana as
Queen Isabelle financed
Columbus' expedition which
resulted in the discovery
of America. She is the
only monarch to have her
portrait on a U. S. coin--
the commemorative Quarter
of 1893. We were fortu-
nate in purchasing a small
lot of these historically
interesting and rare
coins and are offering
them at a very special
price.
VERY FINE.....\$40.00

DENMARK

1908 20 Kroner, head of
Fred. VIII. Unc.....\$17.50
1912 20 Kroner, similar.
Unc.....17.50
1913 20 Kroner, head of
Christian X. Unc.....17.50
1914 20 Kroner, similar.
Unc.....17.50

SWEDEN

1881 5 Kroner, head of
Oscar II. Unc.....6.00
1889 20 Kroner, similar.
Uncirculated.....17.50
1899 5 Kroner, similar.
Uncirculated..... 6.00
1901 5 Kroner, similar.
Uncirculated..... 6.00

SESTERTIUS OF MARCUS AURELIUS

We follow the line of the
early Roman emperors who
dominated the Holy Land, and
find that from the first, --
Augustus, to the Seventy-
fourth -- Constantine the
Great (colleague or associate
rulers are counted), some
were indifferent to Christian-
ity, some kind, others hostile
When we reach the sixteenth,
Marcus Aurelius, we find a
peculiarly interesting
character. He was brilliant,
equable, a just ruler in all
but his attitude toward
Christianity. He was in-
thoroughly pagan. He was in-
tolerant of Christians. He
genuinely believed in his
Roman gods and goddesses, and
was completely devoted to
them.

During his rule, unusual as
it was for the happiness of
most of his subjects, it was
also unusual in its severity
toward Christians. Many of
the loyal and brave sealed
their faith with their blood.
Among them was the famous
Justin the Martyr (Justin
Martyr) of Palestine; he was
Greek by birth. He was
seized, scourged and be-
headed at Rome. Eusebius,
ecclesiastical historian,
says that he "overshadowed
all the great men who
illuminated the second
century." Polycarp, bishop
at Smyrna, was another of the
great ones who died a
Christian martyr's death at
the order of Marcus Aurelius.

Marcus Aurelius was a
philosopher and a writer. He
is best known today by his
MEDITATIONS OF MARCUS
AURELIUS.

His first bronze (sester-
tius) seems exceptionally
rare. On its obverse is the
laureate head of Marcus
Aurelius. On the reverse is
a galley with four oarsmen.
The god Neptune is at the
stern.

Marcus Aurelius ruled
nineteen years, 161-180 A.D.
- Florence Aiken Banks

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